

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

1. Claim Amendments

The Applicant has amended claims 1-3, 10-13 and 15-16. Applicant respectfully submits no new matter has been added. Support for the amendments can be found at page 7, lines 17-18 and page 8, lines 16-19 of the present application. Claim 14 has been canceled. Accordingly, claims 1-13 and 15-16 are pending in the application. Favorable reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

2. Examiner Objections - Claims

Claims 10-12 were objected to because of informalities, claims 10-12, second line, a "keyword utterance" is cited, however parent claim 1 claims a "spoken utterance." For purposes of examination, examiner interpreted the "keyword utterance" to be the "spoken utterance" as provided in claim 1. Actually, reference in claims 10-12 should have been to a "keyword". Claims 10-12 have been so amended.

Claim 15 was objected to because of informalities. Claim 15 on lines 6 and 9, a "SIL" model is cited. These acronyms should be placed inside a parenthesis after the correct spelling of the acronym, for example, silence (SIL). Claim 15 has been so amended.

. The Examiner's consideration of the amended claims is respectfully requested.

3.) Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

Claims 1-3, 9-10, and 13-16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Sukkar U.S. Patent No. 5,613,037 (hereinafter, Sukkar). Claims 1-3, 9-10 and 13, 15-16 have been amended to overcome the rejection. Sukkar fails to disclose the element of assessing a part of the spoken utterance as the keyword to be recognized using a finite state syntax and determining if that part matches best either to the keyword model or to a garbage sequence model wherein the garbage sequence model is a series of consecutive garbage models from that plurality of garbage models based on the finite state syntax. Claim 14 has been canceled.

4.) Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 4, 11, and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sukkar in view of Wu et al. (US Patent 6,778,959), hereinafter Wu.

Claims 5 and 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sukkar in view of Wu as applied to claim 4, and further in view of Goodman et al. (US Patent 6,654,733), hereinafter Goodman.

Claims 7 and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sukkar in view of Wu, and further in view of Goodman as applied to claim 6 above, and further in view of Stevens et al. (US 2002/0138265), hereinafter Stevens.

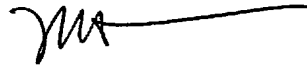
As noted above, Sukkar fails to disclose the element of assessing a part of the spoken utterance as the keyword to be recognized using a finite state syntax and determining if that part matches best either to the keyword model or to a garbage sequence model wherein the garbage sequence model is a series of consecutive garbage models from that plurality of garbage models based on the finite state syntax. Claim 14 has been canceled. None of the additional references cited with respect to the rejection of claims 4-8 and 11- 12 disclose or suggest this missing element.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks, the Applicant believes all of the claims currently pending in the Application to be in a condition for allowance. The Applicant, therefore, respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw all rejections and issue a Notice of Allowance for all pending claims.

The Applicant requests a telephonic interview if the Examiner has any questions or requires any additional information that would further or expedite the prosecution of the Application.

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